

August 13, 2006

The Honorable David Currier, Chair
SB 83 Study Commission
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Representative Currier:

The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee has been tracking the thoughtful discussions between various stakeholders involved in revisions to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (CSPA) and supports the following recommendations offered by the New Hampshire Rivers Council:

- Revise the stream ordering standards and make all rivers in the NH Rivers Management Protection Program subject to the CSPA.
- Limit building envelopes to 25% of the 150' buffer zone and total impervious surfaces to 10% of the 250' setback.
- Establish a 75' no cut buffer.
- Enact a statutory provision requiring re-planting of vegetation cut in violation of the CSPA.
- Require a permit for all cutting along the shoreland, and amend the "Intent to Cut" process to require identification of work proposed along the shoreland.
- Establish a permit program for all work in the shoreland and include local Conservation Commissions and Lake and River Local Advisory Committees in the permitting process.
- Educate local decision makers about the CSPA.

Respectfully submitted,

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